

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1 3. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [either one of]
2 Claim[s] 1 [and 2] wherein said gelling agent is alginate, carboxymethyl-
3 cellulose, collagen, a polysaccharide, agar, a polyethylene oxide, a glycol
4 methacrylate, gelatin, a gum, or salts or derivatives of any of these, or mixtures
5 thereof.

1 5. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 4], wherein said gelling agent has a molecular weight of from
3 10,000 to 200,000 kDa.

1 6. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 5], wherein said precipitant is a salt of calcium, zinc, cooper,
3 silver or aluminium; borates; glyoxal; or amino-formaldehyde pre-condensates.

1 7. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 6] further containing a foaming agent.

1 9. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 8] wherein the gelling agent comprises an alginate gel, a
3 carageenan gel or a carboxymethylcellulose gel and wherein the precipitant is a
4 calcium salt.

1 10. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 8] wherein the gelling agent comprises carboxymethylcellulose gel
3 and wherein the precipitant is an aluminium salt.

1 11. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 10] further comprising an organic acid in an amount of 0.5 g to
3 5.0 g per 100 g gelling agent.

1 15. (Amended) A foam as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 12
2 [to 14] wherein said gelling agent is alginate, carboxymethylcellulose, collagen,
3 a polysaccharide, agar, a polyethylene oxide, a glycol methacrylate, gelatin, a
4 gum, or salts or derivatives of any of these, or mixtures thereof.

1 17. (Amended) A foam as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 12
2 [to 16], wherein said gelling agent has a molecular weight of from 10,000 to
3 200,000 kDa.

1 18. (Amended) A foam as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 12
2 [to 17], wherein said precipitant is a salt of calcium, zinc, copper, silver or
3 aluminium; borates; glyoxal; or amino-formaldehyde pre-condensates.

1 19. (Amended) A foam as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 12
2 [to 18] further containing a foaming agent.

1 21. (Amended) A process of sterilising a foam for medical or
2 veterinary use, said process comprising:

3 a) foaming a formulation of Claim[s] 1 [to 11] and allowing
4 said foamed formulation to cure;

5 b) treating said foam with precipitant;

- 6 c) optionally, washing said treated foam;
- 7 d) drying said treated [form] foam; and
- 8 e) sterilising said dried foam by exposure to γ - irradiation or
- 9 ethylene oxide.

1 23. (Amended) The process of [either one of] Claim[s] 21 [and
2 22] wherein the treated foam is oven dried at temperatures below 100°C.

1 24. (Amended) The process of [any one of] Claim[s] 21 [to 23]
2 wherein the foam is immersed in a bath of calcium chloride or calcium citrate
3 solution as precipitant.